

## Mississippi Newsbriefs

## Just For The Record

## Hartfields Transfer To Publishing House

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Hartfield, formerly representatives to Mexico, have transferred to the Baptist Spanish Publishing House (address: Box 4255, El Paso, Tex. 79914). Both are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Purvis and grew up on a farm near Hattiesburg. She is the former Susie Armstrong of Lamar County. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960, he was Training Union and BSU secretary for the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

## Centreville Completes Payment Of Note

Centreville Church had a note burning ceremony on Sept. 21. The church has recently completed payment of the note for the Sunday School and educational building which was completed in December 1970.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was the Rev. Donald O'Quinn, pastor of First Church, Charleston, and pastor at Centreville during construction of the building. Rev. Howard Brister, pastor when the building was started, was unable to attend, due to a previous commitment.

Following the dedication of the building, Rev. Jimmy Simeon, present pastor, led in dedicating the new organ. Church members and guests enjoyed dinner in the fellowship hall.

## Melrose Harvest Day To Feature Singing Policeman

Melrose Church (Yazoo) will celebrate Harvest Day on November 23.

After a covered dish dinner on the grounds, an afternoon program beginning at 2 will feature Johnny Welborne (The Singing Policeman) and the New Life Singers.

Rev. Mike Tompkins of El Reno, Oklahoma, former pastor, will deliver the morning message.

Rev. Bill Catlett is the pastor.



## 335 Ride Buses In West Point

First Church, West Point, set a new record with 335 riding the buses on October 26, 1975. One bus had 101 riders. The workers on this bus were Melissa Henry, Debbie Dodson and Barbara Taylor. Noel Wright III is bus director. Rev. Joel Haire is pastor.

## New Providence To Unveil Historic Marker On 147th Anniversary Date

New Providence (Copiah) will celebrate its 147th anniversary on November 30.

Rev. Wilbur Webb, pastor of First Church, Itta Bena will be guest speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service. New Providence was Rev. Webb's first pastorate.

In keeping with the bicentennial celebration, members of the church have cleaned up Old Providence Cemetery and erected a sign which designates the place where New Providence was established, September 27, 1828.

After "dinner on the grounds," the afternoon program will be at the Old Cemetery where the sign will be unveiled and a wreath will be placed on the grave of Zias Davis, one of the charter members and the first church clerk.

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## Revival Dates

Oak Grove, Meridian: November 17-23; Rev. Thomas Broadhead, pastor, Toombs, evangelist; Randy Von Kanel of Friendship Church, Grand Bay, Alabama, music director; weekdays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 7:30 p.m. only; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Ernest Rockwell, pastor.

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## College Seminary Launch Advance Credit Program

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Gardner-Webb College, a Baptist school in Boiling Springs, N. C., has become the first college to take part in a program through which its religious education graduates may receive credit for selected college courses at New Orleans Seminary here, seminary officials said.

The program of advance standing credit allows a Gardner-Webb graduate who enters New Orleans Seminary to qualify for a maximum of 16 semester hours of credit for selected courses in religious education.

Basic criteria, agreed upon by representatives of a majority of the seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, are designed to insure that the student has developed identifiable seminary level competencies. The documentation of such competencies is provided for by such procedures as a letter for each student from the academic dean, transcripts listing courses and grades and an interview with each student by an appropriate seminary professor.

While this is the first such formal agreement between a Southern Baptist seminary and a college, the action represents the cooperative effort of religious education professors of Southern Baptist seminaries and colleges over several years.

In 1974, Ben C. Fisher, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, and Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board jointly sponsored a meeting of the religious educators from both Baptist colleges and seminaries in Nashville.

Representatives of the religious education faculties of Louisiana College, Mississippi College, Mobile College and William Carey College met at New Orleans for a regional meeting in May of 1974. J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of academic affairs at the New Orleans Seminary, presided over the meeting at which the area colleges discussed the program and how it would benefit graduates of the represented schools.



Left to right: Rev. John Pelham, First Church, Palatka, Florida; Rev. Stanley Stamps, missionary to Ecuador; Rev. Bryan Brasington, FMB secretary for western South America.

## Florida Pastor Teaches Bible Studies In Ecuador

A Florida Baptist pastor got a close-up view of Baptist mission work in Ecuador this summer.

The pastor, Rev. John Pelham of First Baptist Church in Palatka, was the guest devotional speaker during the annual meeting of the Ecuador Mission of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, held in Quito.

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Twenty-three missionaries, two missionary associates, one missionary journeyman and two BSU student summer missionaries made up the missionary staff in Ecuador at the time of the meeting.

Stanley D. Stamps, former Mississippian, chairman of the Mission during the past two years, presided over the sessions.

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## BWA Chairman

## Says Baptist Work Alive In Cuba

MONCTON, N. B., Canada (BP) — Baptist work in Cuba "is very much alive and the work is certainly centered on the Lord and his word," reports Baptist World Alliance representative Stephen Steeves, who has returned from a Baptist men's conference in Santa Clara, Cuba.

Steeves, chairman of the BWA Men's Department, was invited to join 380 registrants at the conference in mid September. It was sponsored by the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba (Association Convencion Bautista de Cuba Occidental) and the Baptist Convention of Eastern Cuba (Convencion Bautista de Cuba Oriental). Both are BWA member bodies.

During his visit, Steeves, a layman who owns an automobile company in Moncton, met with Rafael Gregorich, president of the Eastern convention; Heberto Becerra Matos, president of the Western convention; and others. He also visited a Baptist camp, seminary, senior citizens home, and Calvary Temple of the Western convention.

Nine Cuban Baptists attended the BWA's Baptist World Congress in July in Stockholm. BWA statistics indicate 14,924 members of 192 Baptist churches in Cuba.

TIME TO RUN, a Billy Graham family film will be shown at Temple Church, at 815 McCluer Road, Jackson, Sunday, November 16. The feature, filmed in Eastmancolor by World Wide Pictures, will be shown once, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Filmed on location in the southern California area, "Time To Run" stars Ed Nelson, Randall Carver, Barbara Stigl, Joan Winmill and Gordon Rigsby.

time. Work began on September 3, 1975, and the building was completed by the first Sunday in November. Sheppard Company of Jackson was the contractor.

## Devotional

## How To Make A Good Man Better

By D. C. McAtee, Pastor, Eastwood, Indiana

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 3:1-6  
All men should be concerned about becoming better men at all times.

Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, was a "good man" by this world's standards.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again if he wanted to enter the Kingdom of God.

I. WHY IS THE NEW BIRTH NECESSARY?

1. Our nature demands it. The Bible teaches us that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), And "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23a).

2. God's nature requires it. God is righteous and holy and can have nothing to do with sin and unrighteousness. So, for us to be a part of his holy and righteous Kingdom, our lives have to be changed (Romans 10:4).

II. WHAT IS THE NEW BIRTH?

1. It is not a physical birth, education, confirmation, church membership or baptism, even though much could be said for all of these.

2. It is a divine change (Titus 3:5), a complete change (2 Cor. 5:17), and a permanent change (John 3:36).

III. HOW CAN WE OBTAIN THE NEW BIRTH?

1. By believing. In 1 John 5:1 we read "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God . . ." Acts 16:31, Romans 10: 9, 10 and many other passages support the necessity of faith.

2. By receiving. Faith alone is not enough. Even the devils in hell believe and tremble (James 2:19). "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). We receive Christ by calling upon His name. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). I would to God that all men would call upon His name and be "born again."

"Good, better, best—  
May I not rest  
'Til my good is better  
And my better best."



## Family Night For BMC Students

Lowrey Memorial Church was the setting for the recent Family Night Harvest Dinner served to students of Blue Mountain. Local families "adopt" BMC girls and annually eat with, worship with, and invite the students to visit in local homes. Left to right are: Felicia Forsythe, a junior; Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church; and Suellen McPhail, a freshman.

## SoulSearchers Picked Up By WLS, Chicago

FORT WORTH (BP) — "SoulSearchers," the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's half-hour rhythm and blues show for black audiences, is now booming on WLS Radio, 50,000-watt, clear channel radio station in Chicago.

WLS Radio covers 133 counties in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin during daylight hours. At night the station covers some 45 states and most of Canada.

The format is music the audience can relate to, a voice they can trust, and our commercial — the gospel — in short doses." Steve Woods, a Los Angeles disc jockey, hosts the show.

The song lyrics are used as a springboard to discuss the problems of today's black people from a Christian perspective. Listeners are urged to write for copies of the comments and for answers to personal problems.

In addition to the WLS time, "SoulSearchers" is heard on more than 75 stations weekly. Other cities airing the show include Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fort Lauderdale (Fla.), Jackson (Miss.), and Fort Worth.

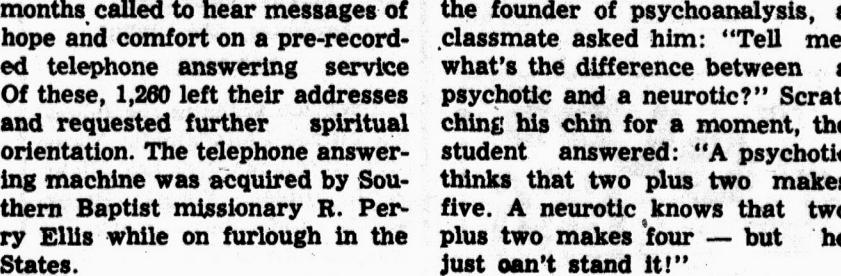
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The Detroit News reported that Recorder's Court Judge James Del Rio was asked for comment on a News page one story detailing a long list of complaints against his courtroom behavior. "I don't read newspapers," snapped the angry judge. Then he stomped off, but not before taking a copy of the newspaper along.—Editor & Publisher.

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Richard (Sonny) Blye, Sunday School director, surrendered to preach on April 6 of this year. C. W. Lyle, Church Training director, surrendered on May 4, and Ted Lott, Sunday School teacher, surrendered on June 1. Then all were licensed in the same service.

Pastor Boutwell states, "Each plane to continue his education in the near future. All are available for pulpit supply and can be reached by phone: (Blye, 798-7803; Lyle, 798-8138; Lott, 798-1503.)

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — More than 12,000 people in three months called to hear messages of hope and comfort on pre-recorded telephone answering service. Of these, 1,260 left their addresses and requested further spiritual orientation. The telephone answering machine was acquired by Southern Baptist missionary R. Perry Ellis while on furlough in the States.

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Nearly 300 Women Register

## Women At The Convention: 1875 And 1975 Roles Differ

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
"A hundred years ago, at the time of America's centennial, no women were registered for the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Even the report from the Ladies' Aid Society was read by a man." Dr. R. A. McLemore made this statement in one of the "This Moment in History" series presented to the state Baptist convention last week by the drama department of Mississippi College.

Before 1875 the Baptist women of Mississippi played their roles entirely behind the scenes. For the 1875 convention, Mrs. A. L. Mitchell reported from Bethel

Church — the first and only woman accepted as a messenger before 1900.

This year, on the eve of America's bicentennial, of the 1,196 registered for the 140th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, 287 were women. All the keynote addresses were given by men, and practically all the business matters were conducted by men. Yet the women had the freedom to enter into the business discussions at any time they chose.

Last year, for the first time, two women were elected to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board — Mrs. Vernon May and Mrs. Charles Tyler. Also Mrs.

Frances Smira, as state WMU president, is an ex officio member of the Board. Besides Mrs. Tyler, whose term will expire in 1977, Mrs. Charles L. Lewis and Mrs. Larry Otis will be serving next year.

For this year's convention, a woman was one of the six members of the Order of Business Committee — Dr. Sarah Rouse, chairman of the Division of Humanities at Mississippi College. Dr. Edwin Robinson of Jackson was elected to the Committee on Resolutions. Mrs. R. C. Alexander is a new member of the Christian Action Commission, and at least ten women are trustees

of the colleges and of Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

When the Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized at Bogue Chitto Church in Pike County in February, 1824, the men decided to "accept the Ladies Mission Society of Woodville . . . as an auxiliary of the Convention." Fifty-five years later, the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi held their first state meeting at Grenada during the sessions of the state convention. Even after they joined the statewide WMU organized in 1888, they continued to meet simultaneously with the state convention until 1917 when they voted to begin separate

annual meetings.

In 1903, Mississippi Baptist women showed a remarkable advance in gifts to missions. That year the state convention heard the report on their work with such enthusiasm that they voted for all in attendance at the ladies' meetings to be enrolled as official messengers to the convention. After that, registration of women continued.

To the 1975 convention, women contributed in a variety of ways:

Jan Ramsay, art major at Mississippi College and daughter of Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo pastor, sang "People to People." Other women who sang solos were Mrs.

Larry Ezell, Mrs. Joe Waggoner, Mrs. Granville Myrick, Mrs. Ray Denton, and Mrs. Dawn Gandy. Women played the piano — Mrs. Frank Hart and Mrs. David Roddy. On Tuesday evening the Mississippi Singing Churchwomen joined the Churchmen in "God, We Turn to Thee," a composition by Mrs. Nan Grantham of the Church Music Department. Mrs. Grantham directed the group, accompanied by Mrs. Hubert Pray. A Ladies' Trio from Newton sang just before their pastor, Hardy Denham, delivered the convention sermon.

During one of the panel presen-

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Convention officers gather with Dr. James Richardson, second from left, who was re-elected president. They are, at left, Dr. John Taylor, first vice president; Rev. Robert Shirley, second from right, second vice president; and Horace Kerr, right, re-elected recording secretary. Inset is Rev. Hueston Adkins, associate recording secretary, who was not available for the picture.

## N. C. Confirms Local Option On Women; Elects Cecil Ray

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (BP) — "Messengers" to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina passed a resolution here which affirms the right of local churches to make their own decisions on ordination of women to church-related ministries.

They also overwhelmingly elected Cecil A. Ray, nominee of the convention's general board, as the convention's general secretary-treasurer, despite a nomination from the floor. Ray directs the stewardship division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

North Carolina Southern Baptists, who elected a woman as second vice president, also unanimously approved another resolution urging their committee on nominations and committee on committees to name more women as members of boards and committees.

The ordination resolution recognized "the freedom of conscience

of the believer," affirmed "the right of all Christian women to follow God's will in their lives," and affirmed "the right of the local church to ordain all persons who are called to a church-related ministry."

Under Baptist polity, only local

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## Churches Warned To Check Status Of Tax Exemption

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist churches were warned here to check on the tax-exempt status of their property to avoid possible embarrassment and an unnecessary bill to pay.

"On several occasions recently," said Robert H. Kilgore, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of church loans, "we have had churches obtaining new loans or

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## FMB Appoints 16; \$215,000 For Relief

RICHMOND (BP) — The appropriation of \$215,000 for world relief and the appointment of 16 missionaries highlighted the November meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Relief appropriations for 1975 now total \$1,176,564.

Bangladesh will receive \$200,000 of November's relief appropriations. Projects for food production, food distribution, and the rehab-

ilitation of families will each consume \$60,000, totaling \$180,000. An additional \$20,000 will go to family planning information and education.

Other relief funds approved include \$10,000 for relief needs in Angola to be administered through the Baptist World Alliance, and \$5,000 for upgrading dairy goat stock at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center in the Philippines.

The appointment of 16 missionaries to serve in eight countries was held at Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va., before more than 1,000 people. The total number of missionaries appointed to date during 1975 is 237.

The board also heard an update on studies of "bold new plans" in which the board is currently engaged.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, commended the work of a coordinating committee presently involved in compiling input from 13 work groups into one document which will be presented for the board's consideration at the December meeting. The work groups, each composed of board members and staff members, have met during recent months to discuss special topics leading to recommendations.

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Mr. and J. Larry Cox

## Brazilian Baptists Grow Faster Than Population

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP) — Recent statistics compiled by the Jornal Batista, weekly Brazilian Baptist newspaper, show that Baptist growth in Brazil is far exceeding the population growth.

The first Brazilian Baptist church, organized on Oct. 15, 1772, had five members. Today there are 2,800 Baptist churches with about 450,000 members.

The 1975 population of Brazil, 105,000,000, is more than six times the 17,984,000 people in the country in 1900, while the number of Baptists is more than 230 times the 1,932 Baptists in Brazil then.

In 1900, one out of every 9,308 Brazilians was a Baptist. Today one out of every 233 Brazilians is a Baptist.

The statistics were compiled as part of the celebration of "Baptist Day" commemorating 93 years of Baptist work in Brazil.

Year	Population of Brazil	Number of Baptists	Proportion
1900	17,984,000	1,932	1 Baptist for 9,308 Brazilians
1910	22,216,000	9,930	1 Baptist for 2,235 Brazilians
1920	27,904,000	20,135	1 Baptist for 1,371 Brazilians
1930	33,568,000	34,351	1 Baptist for 977 Brazilians
1940	41,236,315	54,319	1 Baptist for 759 Brazilians
1950	51,944,397	104,019	1 Baptist for 419 Brazilians
1960	70,967,185	185,539	1 Baptist for 382 Brazilians
1970	93,600,000	350,000	1 Baptist for 267 Brazilians
1975	105,000,000	450,000	1 Baptist for 233 Brazilians

## BJC Leader Condemns U. N. Zionism Vote

WASHINGTON (BP) — The head of a nationwide Baptist agency here condemned United Nations action equating Zionism with racism.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, declared that "the deplorable action of the General Assembly on Monday, Nov. 10, is unprecedented in the history of the United Nations."

Wood, who has edited a book dealing with Jewish-Christian relations, said also that the U. N. action has the effect of "endorsing bigotry and racism." He called those forces "age-old maladies of mankind against which the U. N. heretofore has been in its charter and in its 1948 Declaration of Human Rights."

"This endorsement of anti-Semitism can only seriously erode the future credibility and effectiveness of the U. N. as an international organization dedicated to

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NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Sunday School Board officials said here that 4,410,720 persons attended Sunday Schools in Southern Baptist churches across the nation in Southern Baptists second annual "High Attendance Day," Nov. 2.

The 4.4 million attendance topped last year's record total by 1,594 but still fell short of the 5,000,000 attendance goal. It represents 61% of the more than 7.1 million enrollment in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools. On an average Sunday, the attendance would be 3,722,537, or 52% of enrollment.

For the second year of the annual emphasis, the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania - South Jersey had the highest percentage of its total Sunday School enrollment present, with 77% or 7,751.

The Northern Plains Baptist Convention, covering both Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming, had the second highest percentage with 75%, or 8,124.

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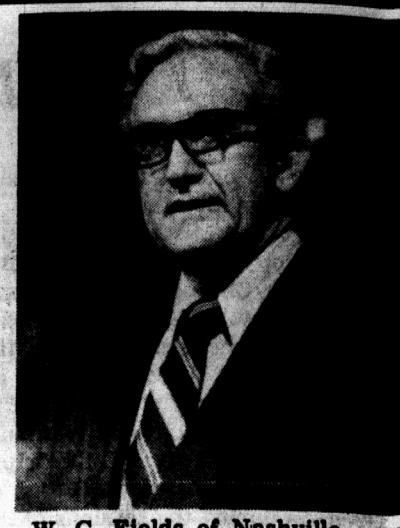
Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, presents plaques to retiring members of the Commission. Left to right: Dr. David Owen, Hattiesburg; Rev. Bill Duncan, Picayune; Dr. Hensley; Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson; and Gerald Kees, Brookhaven.



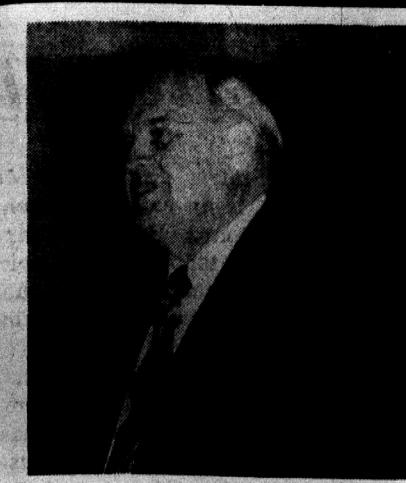
Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas, president of the Southern Baptist convention, delivered the closing message on Thursday.



Paul Stevens, Fort Worth, director of the Radio and Television Commission, SBC, was featured speaker for Wednesday evening.

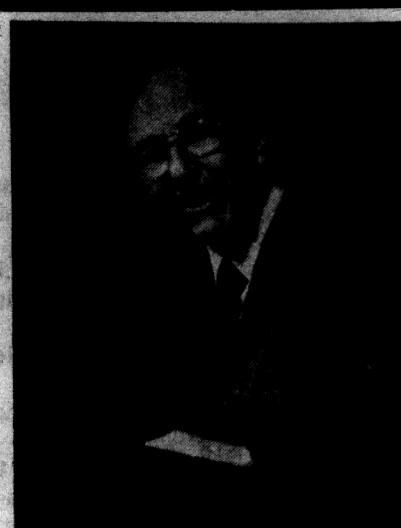


W. C. Fields of Nashville, assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations with the Executive Committee, SBC, spoke on Wednesday afternoon.



Dotson M. Nelson, pastor of Mountain Brook Church in Birmingham, Ala. delivered the inspirational message during a session giving emphasis to the Cooperative Program and state missions.

## Out-Of-State Personalities



Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, spoke on Wednesday morning.

# Harmony Marks Convention In Resolution And Action

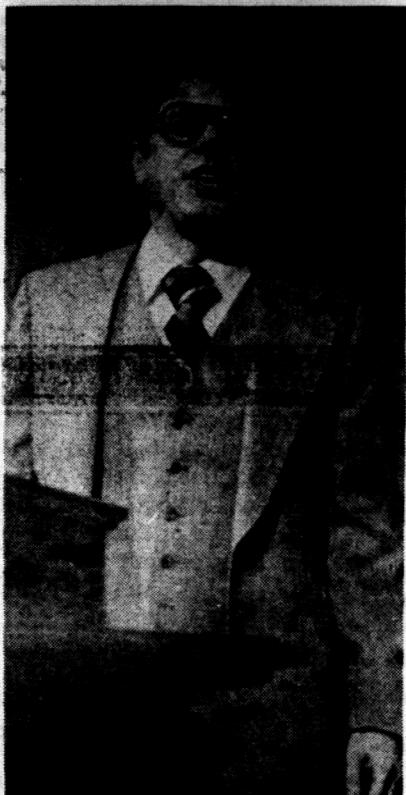
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press upon their elected state representatives their views concerning a uniform day of rest."

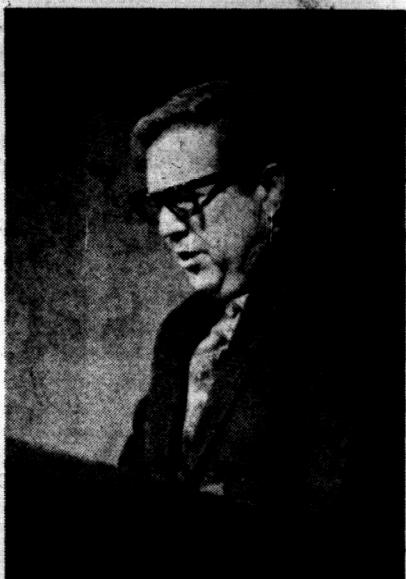
The preamble pointed out that the Supreme Court had upheld the "blue law" concept and chided the state legislature for failing "to adopt more positive legislation in regard to a uniform day of rest."

The convention noted that many times clergymen are given confidential information by counselees and that Mississippi has no legal protection for the counselee or minister. It was pointed out that during the past two regular sessions the Senate has instigated such legislation "only to have it die in a committee of the House."

### Convention Sermon



Hardy Denham, pastor of First Church, Newton, preached the convention sermon.



Lucius Marion, pastor at Clarksdale, and alternate preacher of the convention sermon, read the Scripture Tuesday morning.



### Education Commission Honorees

Three members rotating off the Christian Education Commission at the time of the convention last week received plaques in honor of their service. Each had served six years of "distinguished service" from 1969 to 1975. The presentation was made at the pre-convention commission meeting by Dr. John Traylor, left, secretary of the commission. He hands a plaque to Rev. Hardy Denham, who had served as secretary for three years before becoming chairman of the commission for the past two years. Others are A. P. Smith, second from right, a layman from Monticello, and Dr. J. B. Young of Ellisville, who served as vice chairman for six years.

The convention resolved "that we express the sentiment of this convention as being in favor of such legislation that will protect the rights of confidentiality between persons and the minister of any church, sect, or denomination of any religion whatever when the minister is acting in his official capacity as a minister."

#### First Phase

The authorization to complete the first phase of the Central Hills Baptist Retreat includes the permission to borrow up to \$400,000 if it is needed. The decision was made to sell or lease the Camp Kittiwake property on the Gulf Coast where the buildings were destroyed by Hurricane Camille. The proceeds will be used in development of the new retreat.

The first phase of the new retreat will be a facility for a boy's camp to care for about 250. It will have dining and living facilities, a swimming pool, and other sports and recreational areas. The first phase is expected to be more costly than subsequent additions due to the establishment of water, water systems, and roads. The retreat is expected to be ready for use in 1977. A 16.5-acre lake is under construction now.

#### Annual Sermon

Rev. William F. Evans, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Albany, was named to preach the annual sermon next year. The alternate will be Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Registered messengers to the convention totaled 1,196. This is to be compared with 1,064 in 1974 and just over 1,000 the year before. The 1975 registration was thought to be one of the largest in recent years. This year messengers were registered from all but one association.

Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, was named by President Richardson as chairman of the committee on committees for next year. Also named to the committee were Rev. William F. Evans of New Albany; Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Moss Point; Rev. Jimmy McGee, pastor of East McComb Baptist Church, McComb; and Rev. Reese Kyzar, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rolling Fork.

Other committees elected by the convention upon nomination by this year's committee on committees were as follows:

Baptist Record Advisory Committee — Vance Dyess, Pearl; J. B. Fowler, McComb; Sid Harris, Houston.

Committee on Order of Business — Jim Keith, Laurel; Glenn Sullivan, Clarksdale.

The two committees listed above have three-year rotating memberships and the new members will replace those rotating off. The committees listed below are elected on a one-year basis.

Committee on Nominations — J. Roy McComb, Pearl; W. L. Moore, Kosciusko; David Pratt, Winona; Allen Webb, Pascagoula; Russell Bush, Columbia.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws — David Grant, Jackson; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; John McCall, Vicksburg; David Roddy, Jackson; Bill Baker, Clinton.

Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher — Bartsie Harper, Morton; J. B. Miller, Carthage; Charles Dauphin, Luka; Julius Thompson, Jackson; Bill Causey, Senatobia; Tommey Hudson,

Jackson.

This year's committee on committees was made up of Joel Haire, West Point; Marcus Alexander, Flowood; Norman O'Neal, Clinton; Odean Puckett, Natchez; and Bobby Walton, Cleveland.

#### Session Feature

A feature of every session was called "This Moment in History" and was presented by Mississippi College. Another feature of the convention after Wednesday morning was Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell ringing to open and close each session. Since it left Jackson last May 12 on the way to the Southern Baptist Convention the bell has traveled more than 18,000 miles and has been in 25 states. Gene McRoberts of Little Rock, a retired auto tool salesman, has driven the truck donated by Ford to transport the bell.

Four sessions had a feature called Bible Treasure. These were presented by Rev. Kermit McGregor, Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton, Highland Church, Meridian; Rev. J. B. Miller, First Church, Carthage; and Rev. Frank Pollard, First Church, Jackson.

Four panels presented the work of the boards, agencies, and commissions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Panel moderators were Rev. Bob Sheffield, Prentiss



The banner presenting the theme, "Give Me a Vision, Lord," and the Decade of Advance emblem stretched across the front of the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Church, Prentiss; Rev. Larry Kennedy, First Church, Amory; Rev. William Evans, First Church, New Albany; and Dr. Paul Aultman, First Church, Ocean Springs.

On Tuesday evening Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presided at a Cooperative Program Emphasis and State Missions Feature.

Dr. Dotson M. Nelson, pastor of

Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, was the featured speaker. During the session churches were recognized in the top 10 of four categories of giving through the Cooperative Program.

#### Top Churches

The top church in total gifts was Broadmoor, Jackson, Dr. David Grant, pastor, \$101,406 for a 12-month period ending Aug. 31. The top church in per capita gifts was Learned in Hinds-Madison Association, Rev. Woodrow Clark, pastor, \$71.71. The top church in dollar increase through the Cooperative Program was First, Columbus, Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor, \$14,028. The top church in per capita increase was Learned with \$27.01.

The annual convention sermon was preached by Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton.

Out-of-state speakers were Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, New Orleans Seminary; Dr. Robert Naylor, Southwestern Seminary; Dr. W. C. Fields, SBC Executive Committee; Dr. Paul Stevens, SBC Radio and Television Commission; Dr. Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Nelson.



Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell pealed the closing moments of the convention following its travels of 18,000 miles to 23 states. It stands in front of First Baptist Church, Jackson. It rang at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach and will ring again in Norfolk, Va., in 1976.

## Top Ten Churches In CP Gifts



Broadmoor Church, Jackson, was the top church in total gifts through the Cooperative Program for 12 months ending Aug. 31. The pastor, Dr. David Grant, left, is congratulated by Dr. Kelly while Mrs. Grant stands by with the award plaque.



The top 10 churches in four categories in Cooperative Program were honored at the convention. Learned Church in Hinds-Madison Association was the top church in two categories, per capita giving and per capita increase over the year before. He receives an award from Dr. Earl Kelly, executive-treasurer.



Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, receives an award from Dr. Kelly as pastor of the church with the largest dollar increase to the Cooperative Program over the year before. Rev. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department, handled the introductions.

## Testimony Endorses National Health Care

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C. Welton Gaddy, director of Christian citizenship development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the House Subcommittee on Health that moral principles "should inform, guide, and judge" the rationale for such legislations.

The House panel, a subcommittee of the larger Committee on Ways and Means, is currently holding hearings on a wide variety of proposals which would vastly increase the federal government's role in the health care field.

Gaddy did not endorse any specific bill presently before Congress. He appeared as a result of a Christian Life Commission action at its September meeting supporting "the enactment of a morally responsible program of national health security." The commission also instructed its staff to communicate its position to Congress.

In his testimony, Gaddy presented three moral principles which he said "weigh most heavily" upon the debate over national health security.

—Personal worth. Gaddy told the House panel that both Christians and Jews worship "a God who has consistently revealed his desire for people to be whole — mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially."

He also said that "health care is a right" which demands that in an affluent society no person should be without adequate health care. He was critical of the view that health care is "a marketable commodity owned entirely by skilled professionals."

—Social justice. Gaddy called the concept of justice "a basic moral precept" which the U. S. has chosen "as its minimal standard."

ard of behavior." He said that in a just society, priority is given to persons.

He observed that "when a society tolerates health services which are poorly distributed, facilities which are inadequate, administration which is not accountable, and costs that are exorbitant, it is time for a change in the nation's health care."

Gaddy also argued for freedom of individual choice and continuing options "as to the type and method of medical care. Those who wish to receive preventive or correctional health care by means of a private medical practice should be at liberty to do so." At the same time, Gaddy noted, those unable to pay and cut off from comprehensive health care "should be free to receive treatment."

—Governmental responsibility. Gaddy told the subcommittee that although government has been willed by God, it has "moral duties to perform." In that light, he said that "Government has a moral responsibility to correct the abuses and inequities of the present health care system and to develop a better system."

Appearing with Gaddy on the same panel were three physicians, all of whom spoke strongly against any involvement of the government in the field, and a representative from the United Methodist Church in West Virginia who supported a specific health care bill.

After each of the five made an oral statement, the subcommittee's chairman, Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), called on the participants to conduct an informal discussion among themselves and with members of the House panel.

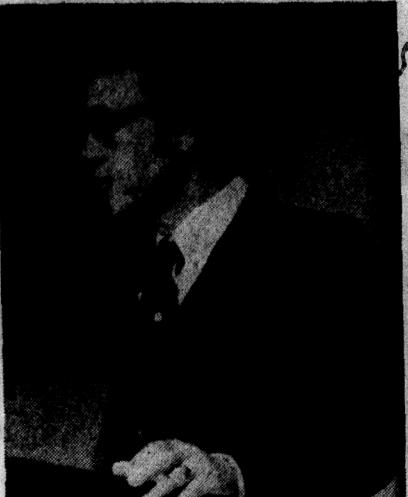
During the discussion, Rostenkowski asked the witnesses to explain the wide differences in their views on national health care. Gaddy suggested that the basic reason was the differing perspectives of the witnesses but expressed the hope that even those who disagree on the issue can agree on basic moral principles on which to build an improved health care system.



Rev. Mose Dangerfield, second vice president, presided during several sessions of the convention. First Vice President Marvin Graham was unable to attend.



Dr. Harold Kitchings, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was in charge of the board report.

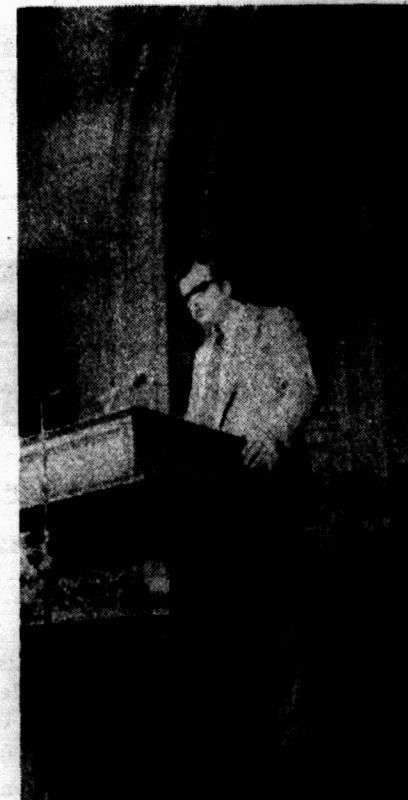


President James Richardson was re-elected for a second term.



Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, reports to the convention.

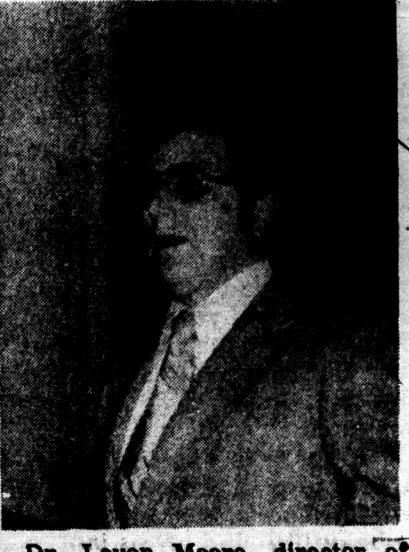
## The Convention On Candid Camera



Gene Triggs of Yazoo City presents the budget to the messengers at the convention.



Dr. Ray Lloyd, chairman of the resolutions committee, makes his committee's report to the convention.



Dr. Levon Moore, director of mission in Attala County, reports on developments in the plans for the new Central Hills Baptist Retreat.



W. C. Fields of Nashville recognized Earl Kelly, Marjean Patterson, Joe Odle, Elmer Howell, and John Alexander and thanked them for their special support of the Cooperative Program during its 50th anniversary year. He presented to them souvenir granite paper weights made from stone from the old auditorium building in Memphis where the action organizing the Cooperative Program took place.



Rev. Guy Henderson, missionary to the Philippines, speaks during the Stewardship Department report. He is "missionary in residence" during his furlough year and is working with the Stewardship Department.



Mrs. John Parker of Woodville Heights Church in Jackson speaks during the WMU report as Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMU director, looks on. Mrs. Parker is WMU director in her church.



Nursing students from William Carey College staffed the blood pressure check center. President James Richardson was by for a check up.



Rev. Gerald Buckley, pastor of Parkway Church in Natchez, is at the pulpit during the Church Training Department report. Near the camera is Norman Rodgers of the Church Training Department.



Dr. W. Lowrey Compre, president of Clarke College, stands for his portion of the Christian Education report. Others are, left to right, Rev. Larry Kennedy, panel convenor; Dr. E. Harold Fisher, Blue Mountain; Dr. Ralph Noonester, William Carey; Dr. Robert Shurden, Board of Ministerial Education; Dr. Lewis Nobles, Mississippi College; and Dr. T. B. Brown, Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Rev. Hardy Denham, chairman of the Christian Education Commission, is behind Dr. Compre.



Dr. John Lee Taylor, chairman of the convention committee on order of business, congratulates Mrs. Owen Williams, who attended the 100th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and has continued to attend the sessions including this 140th one.

## Violence In Portugal Fails To Stop Crusade

LISBON, Portugal (BP) — More than 400 decisions for Christ were made during recent evangelistic campaigns here, which were almost cancelled because of the tense political climate.

The Portuguese Baptist Convention voted to participate in the worldwide evangelistic effort promoted by the Baptist World Alliance before the military coup in March, 1974. They wanted outside speakers for the crusades, but arranging for visitors during the troubled times was not always successful.

However, when the annual convention of Portuguese Baptists met, they voted overwhelmingly to go ahead with the crusade.

"There were no real incidents as some had feared," said South-

### St. Amant Plans Retirement From Ruschlikon

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP) — C. Penrose St. Amant, president of the Baptist Seminary of Ruschlikon since July 1972, said he will retire from the administrative post in the summer of 1977.

St. Amant, who will be 62 when he steps down, came to the seminary, where he serves as both president and professor of church history, from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He was professor of church history and dean of the school of theology at Southern Seminary, 1959-69, when he relinquished administrative duties to resume full time teaching.

Before joining Southern Seminary, St. Amant taught church history for 16 years at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Previously, he taught at Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo. He holds five earned degrees, including a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

ern Baptist Missionary John M. Herndon "Posters were torn from the walls in one town as fast as they could be put up. A few threats were received, including one telephone call advising a pastor that Portugal had had enough of Christ and the revival should be called off. The church continued its services, even though strangers were at the door to see who entered. The church had 20 decisions.

"Many churches did not have a visiting preacher," reported Herndon. "There were not enough local pastors to go around during the planned two week period. Everyone was concerned just how successful these efforts would be."

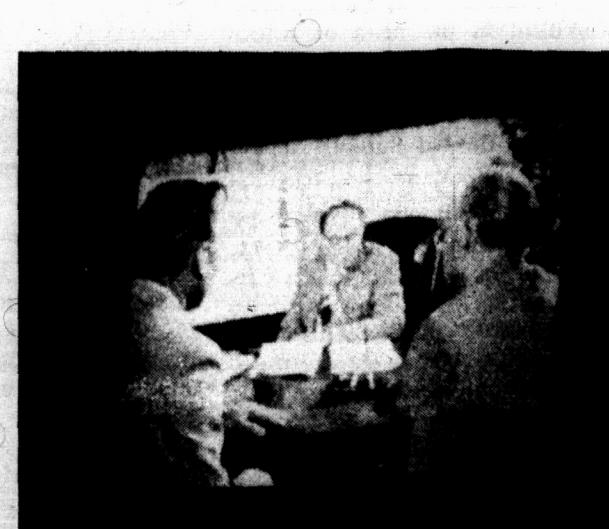
Three pastors came from Brazil to assist during the effort. Irland Azevedo, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sao Paulo, Brazil, preached at a new mission in Northern Portugal, which began its work with the campaigns. Although the mission is made up of just a pastor, his wife and five other members, the attendance at the crusade reached 65 there. Azevedo also preached at Third Baptist Church, Lisbon, the largest in the convention. Eighty-two decisions were reported.

Samuel Machado, from First Baptist Church, Victoria, Brazil, preached at the Matozinhos Church in Northern Portugal and in Queluz Church in Southern Portugal. Norton Lages of the First Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil, preached in Vila Nova de Gaia, a church only four-years old, and in a new church in the Algarve area in the Southern-most part of the country.

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to a vehicle for the expression of odious political and ideological considerations."

Besides Wood, those signing the letter were Jack Corbet of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, James Hamilton of the National Council of Churches, Sister Margaret Hohman of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Mary Jane Patterson of the United Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. C. Renfroe, left, Rankin County, and Rev. Fred Tarpley, Hinds-Madison.



A preview of the movie, "The Whale that Came to Mississippi," was shown at the convention. On the screen Dr. Earl Kelly, center, talks with two directors of association missions. They are Rev. J. C. Renfroe, left, Rankin County, and Rev. Fred Tarpley, Hinds-Madison.

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## EDITORIAL

### An Exciting Convention

The 1975 Mississippi Baptist Convention probably would not come under the ordinary classification of an "exciting convention."

It really was not exciting if one thinks of divisive issues, sharp debate, and close votes. Those did not happen when Mississippi Baptists met in Jackson last week.

But—  
—if there is excitement in adopting a \$7,300,000 budget and Cooperative Program giving goal, with all of its meaning for world missions;

—if there is excitement in receiving the plans for the opening of a new \$35,000,000 Baptist Hospital in Jackson within the next few weeks;

—if there is excitement in the approval of plans for building a great new Baptist retreat center and boys camp near Kosciusko, that will minister to thousands of Royal Ambassadors and other Baptists of all ages, for long years to come, and in the hearing the report that plans for the restoration of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly are right on schedule;

—if there is excitement in seeing a new film that depicts the life and ministries of Mississippi Baptists in a beautiful and dramatic manner, or another film that reveals the

breadth of the mission work in the state;

—if there is excitement in receiving the report that there is every indication that the convention is going to reach its 1975 Cooperative Program goal, and thus give more to missions in one year than ever before in its history;

—if there is excitement in hearing reports from the institutions and agencies which indicate progress in everything that Mississippi Baptists are attempting to do in their witness for their Lord;

—if there is excitement in hearing outstanding messages, on themes dear to all Baptists, delivered by pastors and leaders from within and without the state;

—and, if there is excitement in seeing unity, fellowship, warmth and spiritual power in a meeting of Baptist people, then, the 1975 session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was an exciting session after all.

There was not one moment of discord during the meeting, and hardly a question was raised concerning recommendations and resolutions which were brought before the messengers. Moreover, there was not, that we could see, a single dis-

senting vote on any issue which was considered.

This does not mean apathy or weakness, but simply that Mississippi Baptists approve of the way their work is being carried on, and that they have full confidence in their leadership.

The issues which have disturbed fellowship in some of the other states, apparently are not creating problems in Mississippi right now.

Mississippi Baptists are Bible believing in their faith, and Baptist in their doctrinal position. They are united in their acceptance of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and in their zeal in proclaiming His gospel as the one hope of the world. They believe that the church is at the center in His kingdom program, and that churches can and must work together in denominational relationships which begin in the local association, reach through the state convention, and move on to the ends of the earth through the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance.

The convention in Jackson last week gives clear evidence that things are going well, in the churches, and in the whole denominational program, as far as Mississippi Baptists are concerned.

### How To Build A Great Church

Dr. John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, recently held a revival in First Baptist Church, Jackson. It was a great meeting, and made a spiritual impact on the church and the community.

At the close of the regular service on Wednesday night, the visiting evangelist met with the elected leadership of the Jackson church, and discussed with them the things that are being done in the Houston church which have brought the tremendous growth and advance being experienced by the congregation.

In the brief years of Dr. Bisagno's leadership, the attendance has seen great increase, thousands have been baptized, the budget has enlarged six fold, and a vast new building program is ready to start.

How has all of this happened? At the request of the pastor and staff at Jackson, the Texas minister told the reasons he had brought the growth. We cannot include here all of the things he said, but do want to list the major points.

1. Love. Christian love pervades the whole life of the church. The people love God, love one another,

and love the lost people about them and to the ends of the earth.

2. Enthusiasm. The Lord's work should be done with diligence and enthusiasm.

3. Vision. Big goals should be set and large plans should be made.

4. Work. A church cannot be built without work. One of the major activities of the Houston church is visitation, with hundreds of members sharing in this program each week. "I seldom visit a prospect," Dr. Bisagno said, "that several people from our church have not been there already."

5. Staff. The best possible personnel is sought, and enough are brought in to do the job.

6. Faith. A church should believe the promises of God and launch out on programs which He leads in doing. A praying church can move in such faith.

7. Basic Programs. A church does not need to use gimmicks, but just the basic principles which Baptists have learned will build a church. Use those basics and just "do them a little better."

First class singing, exciting Bible preaching, and a "terrific" educational program will build a church.

"Good singing and good preaching will bring people in; a good Sunday school will hold them."

One pastor cannot minister to 9,000 members, or even to a much smaller congregation, the dynamic Texas leader said. He must have many associates and they may be found in a good Sunday School organization. "The teachers looking after the members of their classes provide me with more than 300 associate pastors," he stated.

Five things are emphasized in the First Church, Houston, Sunday school: good Bible teaching, stewardship enlistment, fellowship, outreach, and ministry. Any Baptist church can have these emphases.

This is the summary of the things a successful pastor said have brought growth in the church where he serves.

They actually are the basics which Southern Baptists long ago learned will build churches. They are working in Houston; they will work any where.

A church's greatness is not measured by its size, or its potential, but by how it meets the needs where it is.

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**TRAMP FOR THE LORD** — Corrie Ten Boom with Jamie Buckingham (Revell, 192 pp., paper \$2.95) Paper back edition of best seller story of Corrie ten Boom. This Dutch Christian woman, whose earlier experiences are told in *The Hiding Place*, the story of her Christian work in hiding Jews to protect them from Hitler's forces, and of how she was sent to the dreaded German prisons for doing it, in this book tells of her experiences in "tramping" the world for Jesus Christ, telling of His power and deliverance. A best seller that you won't want to miss.

**THE ABC'S OF PROVERBS** (American Bible Society, four color, paper, 35c, 32 pp.) With this book the American Bible Society is hoping to reach children with God's Word in a broader way. It not only instructs in the ABC's, but also imparts wisdom of the Book of Proverbs in an entertaining manner. Children's life situations have been charmingly recreated by artist Jane Dyer of Cambridge, Mass. For instance, to illustrate the letter "E," Mrs. Dyer drew a little girl attempting to bake her first cake—complete with eggs and milk spilling to the floor. The scripture on the page states "Enthusiasm without knowledge is not good; impatience will get you into trouble" (Proverbs 19:2). The translation used in the book is the American Bible Society's Today's English Version. This would make a good Christmas gift for a child. Order from ABS, 1865 Broadway, N. Y., NY 10023.

**GUIDE-TO-GOD NEW TESTAMENT WITH HELPS** (Baptist Publications Committee, 576 pp.) A pocket edition of the New Testament with 68 pp of helps at the front. These include the plan of salvation, a statement on how to receive Christ, Christian living, immersion and other important truths that the new Christian needs to know. In other ways the booklet is an ordinary red covered, pocket Testament.

**ONE NATION UNDER GOD** by Sarah Walton Miller (Broadman, paper, 36 pp., 95c) A dramatic pageant on the beginnings of our nation with special focus on the role of Baptists in behalf of religious liberty. Playing time: 35 minutes. Characters: eight women and 30 men.

**COMPLETE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS**, Volume 5, by Grace Ramquist (Zondervan, 70 pp., paper \$1.50) Stimulating programs for the Nativity season. Material is included for all age groups.

**AMERICA: ONE NATION UNDER GOD** by James C. Hesley (Victor Books, paper, 144 pp., \$1.50) This book traces American origins. What part did biblical principles play in shaping our nation? How far off course are we after 200 years? What implications does history have for Christian action today? What can we do to make America better as we enter her third century? These are important questions asked—and answered—in this new book.

**DOCTRINAL PREACHING FOR TODAY; EXPOSITORY PREACHING FOR TODAY; PREACHING FROM SAMUEL; PLANNING A YEAR'S PULPIT WORK; LEADING IN PUBLIC PRAYER** by Andrew W. Blackwood (Baker, paper, \$2.95 each, about 225 pages each) These are reprints in the Andrew W. Blackwood Library series established to call attention of today's preachers to valuable and practical books by Dr. Blackwood. They offer advice on preparing the doctrinal sermon; practical guidelines for writing and preaching expository sermons; concrete suggestions on increasing the usefulness of the pulpit; suggestions for the minister's own preparation for leading the congregation in prayer; and application of material from Samuel to the needs of today.

**THE SCIENTIST AND ETHICAL DECISION** edited by Charles Hatfield (InterVarsity, 176 pp., paper, \$2.95) Fourteen Christian scholars grapple with eth-

ical problems confronting modern scientists. Perhaps we fail to realize that scientists in our modern world do face ethical decisions. This book shows where and why they do and what they do about them.

**JOURNEY WITH DAVID BRAINERD** by Richard A. Hasler (InterVarsity, paper, 119 pp., \$2.50).

This book brings together in a devotional guide forty brief passages from David Brainerd's writing. Brainerd is chiefly known as the young, courageous missionary to the Indians during the Great Awakening of America's early colonial history.

**THE CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUTH CHOIRS** by Paul Bobbitt and Gerald Armstrong (Convention Press, paper, 112 pp., Church Study Course) This book is designed to help the youth choir leader to become more knowledgeable and skillful in the area of music and youth. There are two authors. Mr. Bobbitt is state music secretary for Florida and Mr. Armstrong is music consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

**LORD, MAKE MY LIFE COUNT** by Raymond C. Ortlund (Gospel Light, paper, \$1.25, 140 pp.) Special youth edition of *Lord, Make My Life a Miracle*, this book confronts the reader with three important commitments—commitment to Christ, commitment to the body of believers, and commitment to your work and witness in the world.

**THE MIRACLES OF OUR SAVIOUR** by Wm. M. Taylor (Kregel, \$5.95, 445 pp.) and **PARABLES OF OUR SAVIOUR** by Wm. M. Taylor (Kregel, \$5.95, 445 pp.) Thirty-one parables of Jesus are expounded, and 32 miracles wrought by Christ and his apostles are thoroughly discussed in these two volumes. These books are new editions of works by a Scotch preacher of the 19th century.



#### MAN'S ACTIONS...GOD'S REACTION

##### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Cliburn Editorial Is Appreciated

Dear Dr. Odle:

As Cliburn relatives in Mississippi read *The Baptist Record* this week, we will be reminded of our evening in Jackson and how thrilled we were to once again hear Van in concert.

I know I speak for all the family when I express appreciation for your editorial. It is a joy to us to witness the sweet spirit and deep dedication that Van has. We were so pleased with the way in which he handled the piano situation; I thought his unusual artistry had never been more evident.

My father is L. E. Cliburn and lives in the old home in McDonald near Union. Van's father, his brother, passed away in 1973. This was the first opportunity we had for a reunion since that time and so it was a happy occasion for the Mississippi relatives.

Thank you for this tribute to Van. I will enjoy sending it to him and his mother.

Patsy Cliburn Tynes  
(Mrs. Jamie W. Tynes)

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**JIMMY THE GREEK AGAINST LEGALIZED GAMBLING** — "There are . . . areas . . . talking about legalized gambling and I'm against it because it doesn't make sense. . . . When you put legalized gambling into a community, you ruin the community around it — which didn't happen in Vegas because there was nothing there before gambling. But let's face it, gambling usually milks the people who can't afford it. People can't manage their money. They can't just bet what they can afford. For most communities, gambling is undesirable." — (By Jerry LeBlanc in Braniff Place, Vol. 4, No. 5, p. 36)

**CAPITOL BOOZE** — It's easy to become an alcoholic in Washington, the un-disputed drinking capital of the country. The District of Columbia led the 50 states last year in per capita liquor sales—6.82 gallons for every man, woman and child, or three times the national average. The apparent consumption of 4,931,842 gallons of hard liquor in 1974 was enough to keep an average-sized distiller working full tilt for two years, according to the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States. The figures don't include beer or wine. Nor do they count the tax-free liquor dispensed at Washington's 125 foreign embassies and diplomatic missions. The toll can be devastating. By latest government reckoning, the death rate from cirrhosis of the liver in the District of Columbia is 62.3 per 100,000 population, fully four times the national average. One private study, based on government figures, estimates one of every five adults in Washington is an alcoholic. (The Commercial Appeal, October 28, 1975)

**BECOMING A WHOLE FAMILY** by John A. Huffman, Jr. (Word Books, \$5.95, 156 pp.) Since some predictions say the family is near the point of extinction, this book is offered in response to the gloomy prognosis. Top priority for becoming a whole family, says Mr. Huffman, is commitment to Christ; then commitment to your marriage partner, to your children, and only after that to your vocation. He knows this works, for he and his family have made it their life-style.

**NEVER MISS A SUNSET** by Jeanette Gilge (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.95, 237 pp.) A heartwarming story for the whole family, about rural northern Wisconsin family life in the early 1900's.

#### Lifewide Thanksgiving

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, distinguished German minister who gave his life for principle in Nazi Germany, voiced this wonderful truth: "Only he who gives thanks for little things receives the big things. . . . How can God entrust great things to one who will not thankfully receive from Him little things?"

Doesn't that remind us of the words of Jesus in the parable of the talents: "Thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will now make thee ruler over many things"? Putting the words of Jesus and those of Bonhoeffer together, we come through this thought: we ought to be thankful for all that life brings—the little gifts and the large ones, and even the unpleasant experiences which give us the opportunity to develop faith, courage, patience, love, forgiveness, proving in our lives that we can do all things through Christ's strength.

But this Thanksgiving, particularly, let's take the time to thank God for so many things we've taken for granted. I never thought to thank God for the ability to walk until an accident made walking impossible for me for almost a year. . . . Nor for the privilege of kneeling to pray until for that year I could not kneel. . . . Nor for the privilege of drinking clear, clean water until I visited in countries in which the only water safe to drink was bottled water. . . . Nor fully for the privilege of freedom of speech and worship until I visited nations in which those freedoms are either memories of the past, or dreams of the hoped-for future.

So many of us have not thought to thank God for good health, and happy families, for gratifying jobs, for friends, for love, and for laughter until circumstances in our lives or in the lives of others revealed that those taken-for-granted blessings don't belong to everyone!

Nancy Price, leading lady of the legitimate theatre in England for decades, won her right to stardom in her very first role in the London stage. She was assigned the smallest role in the drama, a non-speaking role! Yet, grateful for even this tiny opportunity, she turned that tiniest role into a masterpiece, received an ovation, and was on her way to greater roles.

Thanksgiving comes next week. Why not begin now your list of the little things for which you want to thank God; and, continuing that thanksgiving, you could have larger things for which to thank Him next year!

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## Board Appoints Sixteen

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dations to the coordinating committee.

"I think we're going to see, as a result of this process, some of the most thorough work that we have had the privilege of enjoying," Cauthen said.

The strategy planning eventually will result in a report to the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk.

In other action, the board approved a plan for the internationalization of the board of trustees of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., and awarded medical rectorships to five students.

Effective Jan. 1, 1977, the board of trustees for the El Paso publishing house will include six missionaries and six Latin American Baptists from countries where publishing house literature is used. Currently, trustee membership is limited to missionaries.

Medical rectorships is an arrangement in which the board provides short-term overseas opportunities for qualified medical students.

Among those appointed as career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. J. Larry Cox from Mississippi and Tennessee, assigned to the Ivory Coast, West Africa (Baptist Record, Nov. 6, 1975).

### 4.4 Million - -

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Other state conventions which reported 60% or more of Sunday School enrollment in attendance included Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah-Idaho, Virginia and West Virginia.

Of the larger state conventions, Mississippi was the percentage leader with 67%, followed by Alabama and North Carolina with 65% each. The Baptist General Convention of Texas had the highest attendance, with 610,747 present.

The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant - evangelical denomination, has 12.5 million members in 34,734 churches in 39 states or regional conventions covering all 50 states.

### New England - -

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College, and New Orleans Seminary. Brewer served churches in Mississippi and Louisiana prior to being called to New England. He is married to the former Shelby Jean Thompson of Starkville. They have two sons, Leroy Jr., a student at Southwest Baptist College,



The Mississippi Singing Churchwomen and Churchmen, led by Mrs. Nan Grantham of the Church Music Department, and accompanied by Mrs. Hubert Pray of Jackson, sang "God, We Turn To Thee," composed by Mrs. Grantham.

Jan Ramsey, Mississippi College art major and daughter of Bob Ramsey, pastor of Calvary, Tupelo, sang "People to People."

## Music At The 140th State Convention

Pictured here are a few of the many individuals and groups who presented music during the convention



The Sanctuary Choir of Leland sang before their pastor, James Richardson, delivered his Presidential address.

Bill Clark of Madison brought the vocal message on Wednesday afternoon, "How Big Is God?"

A Ladies' Trio from First Church, Newton, brought the vocal message on Tuesday morning before their pastor, Hardy Denham, preached the convention sermon.

## Churches Should Check Tax Status

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selling property which discovered that because they failed to file for a tax exemption they have an unnecessary bill that must be settled."

The problem, Kilgore said, is that many churches which are qualified for tax exemption fail to file for it or some file only once when they should do so each year.

A letter outlining the problem has been sent to each church having a Home Mission Board loan, but Kilgore said that every one of the Southern Baptist Convention's 34,734 churches should be aware of the problem.

"The statutes concerning tax exemption vary from state to

state or from county to county within the same state," the letter warns. "In some areas, once a property is placed in the tax-exempt property files, it remains so classified unless the property

comes to be used for non-religious purposes. In other areas, application must be filed periodically in order for the property to be tax-exempt. In some areas, the statutes have recently been

changed to require periodic filing."

A check with the local tax assessor about the status of the exemption on a church's property could save some churches a lot of money, Kilgore said.

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## Bicentennial Prayer Lift For Pastors

Mississippi Baptists will be offered opportunity to follow-a-daily prayer list for all state pastors, as a part of the Bicentennial observance in 1976. The title of the plan is "Bicentennial Prayer Lift for Pastors."

The proposal for such observance has come from the Director of Evangelism for the Convention Board, Rev. Roy Cullum. It is a part of Evangelism Promotion "Proclamation '76."

The plan is to publish in the Baptist Record next year, begin-

ning with the January 1 issue, an alphabetical listing by associations of the names of pastors in the state, five for each day, thirty-five for each week. This will, during the bicentennial year, list every one of the approximately 1700 pastors in the state. The list will be prepared by the Evangelism Department.

The Baptist Building staff will be asked to pray for all of these men by name, at the weekly chapel service, and people of the state will be urged to pray for the five

pastors' wives, too.

All these women heard the exciting things that went on during this convention — the exciting things that Dr. Odle talks about in his editorial on page four. And I have a feeling that they sensed a thrill of belonging, as did I, when Dr. Dotson Nelson declared, "I believe in my denomination." I sat there and remembered how my Daddy used to tell me over and again the reasons why he was a Southern Baptist. Yet I realized it was not just because of what he said that I was a Baptist. His reasons had become my reasons because I believed them.

Dr. Jaroy Weber, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the final message of the week, talked about the sense of urgency that compels Southern Baptists to make next year a year of evangelism. He reminded his listeners of the "renewed resurgence of the common man." He mentioned the movements toward equality for all individuals, among these the women's liberation movement. "The important thing," he said, "is to get Christ known to people everywhere."

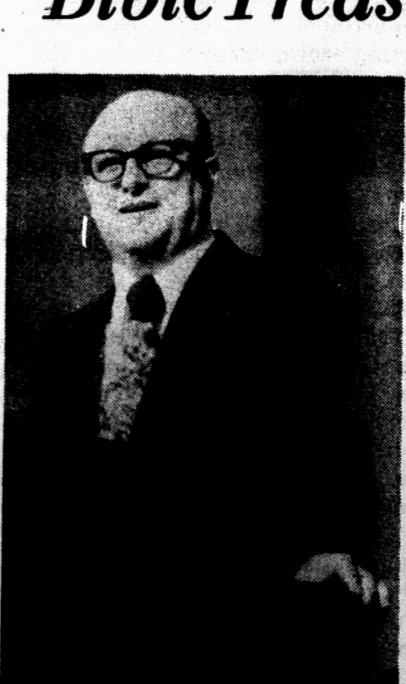
Dr. Weber told a story about Sinclair Lewis, who wrote books about the people of small towns, and their problems.

Someone asked Mr. Lewis: "What can be done about the problems of the poor man in the little cities?" Mr. Lewis reportedly answered: "I don't know — and I don't care."

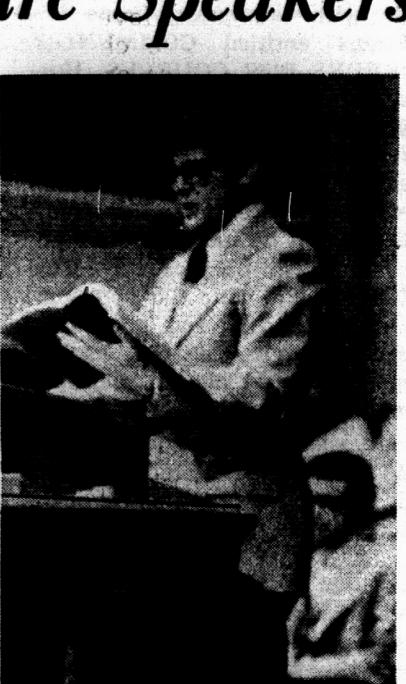
"Then Mr. Lewis is not a great man," the questioner later decided. "He may be a great writer, but he is not a great man if he does not care."

John Keeton, Jr. led in the closing prayer while Mississippi's Liberty Bell rang out across the city. My mind turned again to Dr. Weber's concluding words: "Our denomination is great, not because of its size and not because of its budget, but great because it CARES that there are men — and women — without Jesus Christ."

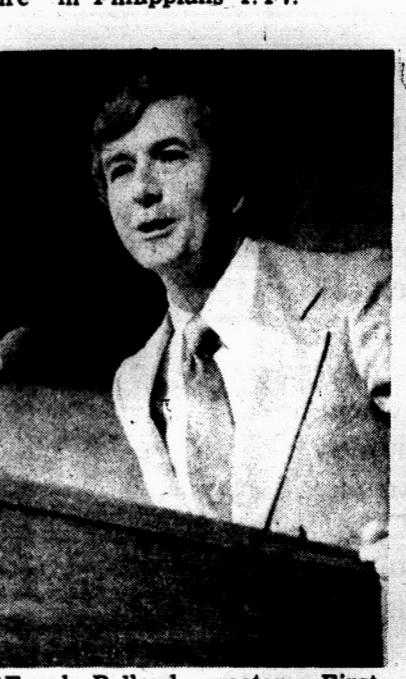
CORDOBA, Spain — The 23rd convention of the Spanish Baptist Union (SBU) and the 16th semi-annual meeting of the Spanish Baptist Women's Missionary Union (WMU) were held here recently. The theme for the WMU meeting was "Be of the same mind," and the SBU convention's theme was "New People for a New World Through Jesus Christ."



Kermit McGregor, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg, led the convention in discovering a "Bible Treasure" in Philippians 4:4-7.



J. B. Miller of Carthage gave the "Bible Treasure" presentation on Wednesday evening.



Frank Pollard, pastor, First, Jackson, was "Bible Treasure" speaker at the final session Thursday morning.



Jackie Hamilton, pastor, Highland, Meridian, presented the "Bible Treasure" Wednesday afternoon, on II Corinthians 8.



### Directors Of Missions Elect Officers

New officers of the Mississippi Conference of Directors of Missions are, left to right: W. Levon Moore, president; George Lee, vice-president; Maurice Flowers, secretary; Zeno Wells, song leader; and J. W. Brister, pianist.

## N. C. Confirms Local Option On Women

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churches ordained, and the convention action simply recognized their right to make their own decisions, a spokesman said.

The resolution consumed more than an hour of heated debate on the final morning of the convention. Most of the debate centered around Galatians 3:28 — "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Jesus Christ."

Ray, 52, will succeed W. Perry Crouch, who will retire at the end of 1975. Claud Asbury, a former Wilmington, N. C., pastor and now pastor of a church in Baltimore, Md., was nominated from the floor by James M. Bulman, an Oak Ridge, N. C., pastor and convention parliamentarian for the past 12 years. Asbury drew less than a dozen votes. Later, Bulman was defeated overwhelmingly for the parliamentarian post by Norman A. Wiggins, president of Campbell College, a Baptist school in Buies Creek, N. C.

Ray's nomination was seconded by M. O. Owens, pastor from Gastonia and first president of the ultra-conservative Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship who had been reported earlier as a candidate for general secretary.

Baptists United, the North Carolina version of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, had met in Greensboro, N. C., on Oct. 8, before Ray's nomination by the general board, and named Owens as their floor nominee for the general secretary-treasurer post.

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## Village Names Director For New Department Of Character And Career Development

Concentrated, improved attention to the moral and spiritual lives of children under care is the mission of the Department of Character and Career Development, latest addition to the growing child-care ministry of The Baptist Children's Village, according to Paul N. Nunnery, Village superintendent. Mr. Nunnery has announced the appointment of Mrs. Annette Hitt to the position of director of the new department.

"In recent years," Nunnery explained, "our child care staff, in every area of Village life, has been increasingly concerned as we note the apparent tendency of many young people who are experiencing difficulty in maturing, to treat themselves, and the members of their peer group, as property, rather than as human beings, made in the image of God. If we are to experience measurable success in communicating the truths of Christian freedom to the neglected and dependent child who is our responsibility, we must present the development of character, in its moral and spiritual definition, to our children in a more professional format, structured to meet the special needs of our special children in a convincing manner.

"Careful study, investigation and evaluation has convinced us that our new Character and Career Development emphasis, with full Department status, represents a refined and perhaps a pioneer effort in Southern Baptist child care to accomplish an aim which all Christian child care workers have always envisioned."

Mrs. Hitt, director of the new Village service, is a native of Calhoun County, now residing in Jackson, where she and her husband are members of Broadmoor Church. Mrs. Hitt is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor's degree in education and Mississippi College with a Master's degree in counseling. She has teaching experience in the public schools of Mississippi and for the past five years she has been a full-time social caseworker on the Village staff.

The activities of the Village Department of Character and Career Development were implemented after several months of planning and training, according to Mrs. Hitt, who stated that she was particularly appreciative of the assistance in time, interest and effort invested by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, of the Christian Action Commission, and Kermitt King, Evelyn George and Norman

Rodgers, of the Church Training Department.

In its initial stages, beginning in September of 1975, the work of the new department, Mrs. Hitt stated, has assumed two separate activities: Village children, including boys and girls of all ages, meeting in small groups, similar to the format of a Church Training organization in a local church; and Village adolescents (13 years and older) meeting in a class-room setting with the department director each weekday afternoon. Mrs. Hitt has explained that the Wednesday evening activities concentrate upon Bible teaching and interpretation, emphasis upon the role of church membership, attendance and church loyalty, and the values of Christian living generally. Classroom meetings with adolescents deal with the dignity of human nature with specific subject matter ranging from appropriate dress and grooming to Christian sex education.

In commenting upon the new Village ministry two months after its inauguration, Mrs. Hitt said, "I am excited by the possibilities of this new work. My work with boys and girls at The Baptist Children's Village has always been challenging, but the interest of the children and the literal hunger of boys and girls of all ages for information and direction in the moral and spiritual concerns of their lives has lifted and encouraged all of us."

"In addition to an awakening and a quickening of character development toward worthwhile careers among the children, we have already noted a reawakening among our fellow staff members. As a result of our beginnings in this new department, we now have a Bible study class for housemothers each Tuesday and a continuing series of educational, inspirational and informative training sessions for houseparents in particularly sensitive and professional areas under the leadership of Dr. Hensley."

### Memorial Service Held In Honor Of Doyle Caples

"The Master Key" of Vanderbilt BSU.

### First, Jackson, Plans "World Missions Experience"

First Church, Jackson, believes the focus on world missions can be an exciting, educational, and inspirational experience. The church also believes young people today will respond to the call of God in volunteering for foreign mission service if that call is heard in an atmosphere that awakens the mind and heart to the crying spiritual and social needs of the world.

With these objectives in mind, the church has planned what it terms a WORLD MISSIONS EXPERIENCE for the weekend of November 21, 22, and 23 for all segments of the church life.

The program begins on Friday night with community home fellowship entitled COMMUNITY COFFEES FOR COUPLES. Husband and wife missionaries are assigned to each of the homes for sixty minutes of fellowship and dialogue. Couples of the church have been invited to homes where attempt will be made to "humanize" the missionary concept. This setting will provide the opportunity of knowing the five guest missionaries as persons, an opportunity few church members ever have.

Saturday morning will feature a FATHER-SON MISSIONS PRAYER BREAKFAST. The boys of the church have been invited to be the guests of the men of the church in this setting featuring the men missionaries.

The Saturday night focus is a program for youth called THE STREETS OF THE WORLD. This world mission experience is composed of 20 exhibits of Southern Baptist foreign mission work in various countries around the world. The exhibits have been in-

novatively created and developed by the Sunday School division of the church's youth division. The exhibits will be on display from 5 to 7 Saturday night. This will be followed by a fast-moving program featuring music by the Master Key of Vanderbilt University BSU; a multi-media entitled "A Glance at Our Globe"; a talk show will feature the missionaries sharing their call of God both geographically and vocationally. The program will conclude with small group dialogue sessions with the missionaries.

One of the highlights of the Saturday night emphasis will be a microcosm on world hunger developed by the church's College Department. A stand-up maze depicting world hunger scenes; the shocking film, Aroabati, developed by the Radio and Television Commission, will be seen; and participants will actually eat a gruel, a world relief food.

The Streets of the World will be open for the church membership and guests on Sunday night from 5:00 to 6:45.

The Sunday program will feature the missionaries in all Sunday School departments. The missionaries will be featured in the church worship services along with a Parade of the Flags of the Nations.

The theme of this experience is titled "CHANGE-75." Because the life of the believer has been changed by God, his world is changed. A changed Christian becomes aware, cares, and shares. World missions presented in such a setting as this will make the church member more conscious of his obligation to help share in changing the world for Jesus Christ.

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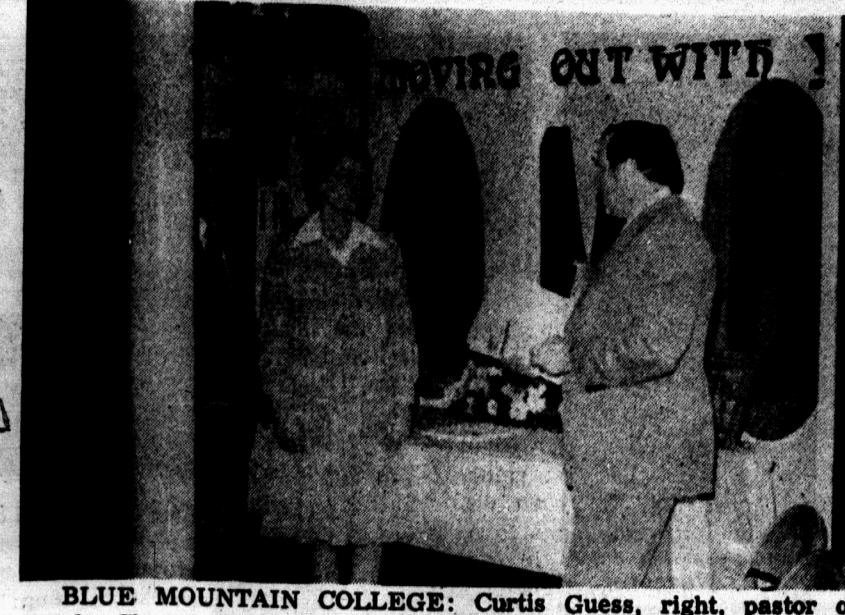
Rev. Julian C. Thompson of Hattiesburg has accepted the pastorate of Union Church, Seminary. A graduate of BBI at Graceville, Fla., he is now studying at William Carey College. He moved on the field November 1.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE: Curtis Guess, right, pastor of Chunky Church, talks with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Guyton of Blue Mountain.



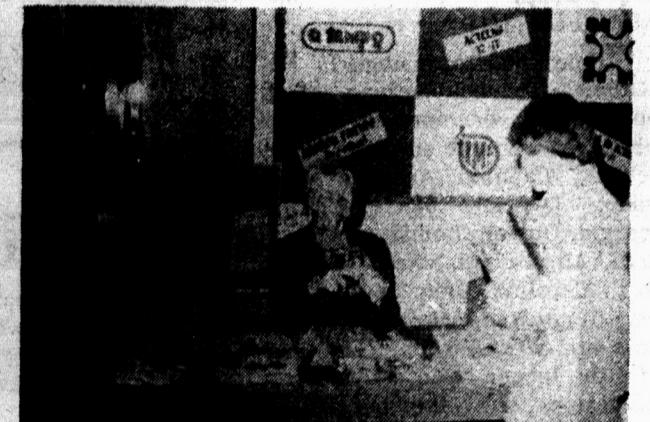
CHURCH TRAINING: Alton Yarbrough, minister of education at First Church, Grenada, receives information from Rene Hilton, CT Department.



ANNUTY: Earl Kelly, left, and Malcolm Tolbert, center, stop to have a chat with W. R. Roberts, Annuity Board representative. Dr. Tolbert of New Orleans Seminary brought the Tuesday afternoon message on the subject of the Holy Spirit.



STEWARSHIP: Dr. Edwin McNeely of Newton stops at the popular Stewardship Exhibit (where the free coffee is located). With him are Stewardship Department workers Shirley Dyess, John Alexander, and Clarence Cutrell.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION: David Mayhall, Washington associational superintendent of missions and Donna Wiggy of Shaw discuss WMU work with Waudine Storey, center, of the WMU Department.

### MC Library Establishes Library Associates Group

Mississippi College has announced the establishment of the Associates of the Mississippi College Library, a group designed to allow creative association with an expanding college library.

J. B. Howell, college librarian, said that the group's first function will be held on Friday, Nov. 21, in conjunction with the dedication of the new addition to the Leland Speed Library. They will host a reception immediately following the dedication ceremonies scheduled for 2 p.m.

"Invitations have been mailed out to a number of individuals inviting them to become Library Associates," stated Howell, "but we want anyone who is interested in the continued development of the library to become a part of our informal organization."

The Library Associates is designed to serve as a medium through which individuals can cooperatively support the library program of the college and, by participating in a group with similar interests, can assure its continued progress.

A person may become a Library Associate by contributing \$25 to the library cause. Other membership categories include Contributing Member, \$50; Sustaining Member, \$100; and Library Patron, \$500.

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Contributions will be used to supplement the college's annual library appropriation and enable the purchase of library materials which would not otherwise be possible.

Howell said Library Associates can also assist in the growth of the library by donating books and other library materials and by encouraging others to do so. The library currently has approximately 150,000 volumes.

Each Library Associate will receive a membership card and a "State of the Library" news-

### New Baptist Mission Inaugurated In Spain

BARCELONA, Spain.—The Baptist Mission of El Prat De Llobregat was recently inaugurated here.

The new mission will be sponsored by the Union of Baptist Churches of Catalonia, and its pastor will be Samuel Rodrigo.

"The small meeting place was full and people were standing," said Southern Baptist Missionary Charles W. Whitten.

letter at least once each year. Associates will be assisting the library staff in sponsoring occasional book reviews, literary lectures, and autograph parties for alumni and other authors. An annual meeting of the group will probably be scheduled during Homecoming activities each fall.



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# Placing Others Before Self

By Wm. J. Falls  
Genesis 43-44

Barkley Moore grew up in Appalachia, went to school at Oneida Baptist Institute in Kentucky, and later worked on its staff. In 1971 his story was being told as "The Legend of the Peace Corps" by newspapers, radio, and TV. He had started with a two-year contract in 1964 and was assigned to a remote city in Iran. In his work he could not preach the gospel, but he lived it. He started the first public library, which grew to thirty-one in neighboring villages. He started a kindergarten which developed into nine other schools. He organized the Gonbad Sports Team. He discovered teenage dropouts and helped them continue their studies. Everything was done on his Peace Corps salary, and his contract was extended to six years. When he left the country, the Shah of Iran gave him a special medal, and the people of Gonbad Kavous made him an honorary citizen. He put others before himself.

## The Lesson Explained

### Joseph Tests His Brothers

By interpreting a strange dream of Pharaoh, Joseph was not only delivered from prison but was assigned the job of "administrative assistant" to the ruler to store grain in the good years and dispense it in the bad ones. The famine eventually forced the sons of Jacob to come to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph recognized them, but they had no idea who he was. Joseph demanded that they bring the youngest brother when they

came again, and he retained Simeon as a hostage.

When Jacob's household had eaten all the grain, the brothers had to return to Egypt. But they could not get food unless Jacob allowed Benjamin to go with them, which he did with great reluctance. Joseph told the men who were filling the grain bags to restore the purchase price in each one and to put his royal goblet in the bag belonging to Benjamin. Sure were they that they had done nothing wrong that they had promised that whoever had the goblet should die. How could such a thing happen to Benjamin?

### Judah Reviews Joseph's Demands

Verses 18-23

Although Joseph was not as severe as the brothers expected, he did require that Benjamin remain in Egypt while they returned home to their father. Judah knew that would be almost as bad as death so far as Jacob was concerned, and he stepped closer to Joseph to make his personal appeal. He urged the ruler not to take offense even though he was as mighty as Pharaoh.

Yes, they had a father, an old man; and yes, they had a younger brother, and he was especially loved because his mother was a dead. We don't know whether Judah assumed that the other brother was dead, or he and the others had just stuck to that story. He felt that was enough explanation for this supposed Egyptian.

Verses 21 may mean that Judah thought Joseph wanted to do

something special for Benjamin. Whatever Joseph meant, the brothers said that the father would die if the younger brother left him. Nevertheless, Joseph had demanded it, else they could have no more grain.

### Judah Offers Himself

For Benjamin

Verses 30-34

That was the dilemma the brothers faced when Jacob asked them to return to Egypt for more food. Their old father would not part with Benjamin, but Joseph had almost said, "Don't come back without your brother." As Judah continued his plea, he pictured for Joseph what would happen if they went home without Benjamin. Because the father's life was so "bound up in the lad's life," he would die when he realized he had lost his youngest son. To prevent that, Judah was willing to fulfill his promise to his father.

He declared to Joseph that he had guaranteed Benjamin's return and promised to bear the blame forever if anything went wrong. Now he begged Joseph to let him stay in Benjamin's place as his slave. Only in this way could he save his father from grief and death. It was the greatest offer he could make.

**GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador** — The English-language First Baptist Church here dedicated their new building recently in a special service. Southern Baptist Missionary James P. Gilbert delivered the dedicatory sermon.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Examining Your Priorities

By Bill Duncan  
Matt. 6:19-34

One time a plant manager was asked to comment on a certain decision made by his purchasing agent and he said, "He knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."

The description fits many of our Sunday School members. They want everything. They know the price of everything but they do not know how to establish priorities in proper order.

The reason we get our priorities so confused is that we may know the price, but we do not know the value. We live in terms of what we deem to be values. These may be clear and definite or they may be a jumble of confusion. Values do not refer to the vague content of daydreams. They are vitally connected with actual, daily living. They may be lofty, splendid, noble, and worthy or they may be cheap, ignoble and untrue. They may be cheap, ignoble and untrue, they constitute the set of principles of our point of reference in all the issues of living.

Persons whose values center around the temporal, the fleshly, the creature comforts, live "after the body." Those whose values are concerned with intellectual pursuits, the gaining of knowledge and wresting with problems of thought, live "after the soul." Persons whose values are spiritual, who honor God, whose concern is to please God and to do his will, live "after the spirit."

One way to establish the value of things is to establish the permanence of them. It is a wise decision to buy something that will last.

Jesus warns that clothes should not be very high on our list of priorities because moths can destroy them. He warns against putting too high a value on things that rust can destroy. Jesus tells men to avoid the treasures which thieves can steal by digging through the walls to get. Any man whose treasure is in things is bound to lose his treasure, for in things there is no permanence,

and there is no thing which lasts forever.

Jesus knew that no man is any stronger spiritually than his attitude toward money and what money can buy. There is a vital relationship between gold and godliness. Jesus did not discourage the making of money, he deplored the fact that some men give money the place that God should occupy in their affections. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The people of the kingdom are the bond servants of Christ, not slaves to material possessions. Money is a magnificent slave, it is a frightful and tyrannical master. The word mammon is the Aramaic word for earthly possessions, whether good or bad. Jesus warns that one cannot be equally loyal or obedient to two rival masters. Nothing can enslave the soul more subtly and drive God off the throne of one's affection more tragically than a love of this world's goods.

The Jews of Jesus' day said that deeds of kindness which a man did upon earth become his treasure in heaven. Jesus built upon that thought by saying that which is selfishly hoarded is lost, but that which is generously given away brings treasure in heaven.

The only thing you will carry to heaven will be yourself. The finer the self, the greater the treasure in heaven will be. Therefore, Jesus connected treasure in heaven with character.

Jesus ended his thoughts about treasure in heaven with the idea that where a man's treasure is, his heart is there also. If everything that a man values and sets his heart upon is on earth, then all his interests will be upon earth. The man whose heart is on earth will have difficulty in dying. Jesus was not saying this world is unimportant, but its importance is in that to which it leads. The world is a stage on the way to heaven. A man should never lose his heart to this world and to the things of this world for his eyes ought to be forever fixed on the goal beyond.

"Do not worry about tomorrow." It is not ordinary careful planning that Jesus forbids it is worry. Jesus was not advocating a shiftless, thriftless, reckless, thoughtless attitude to life. He

was forbidding care-worn, worried fear, which takes all the joy out of life.

Barclay reminds us there are seven defenses against worry. (1) God gave us life, and if he gave us life surely we can trust him for the lesser things. (2) The birds work to make a living, but they do not worry. (3) Worrying is a useless even because no man can add a cubit to his height. (4) God loves flowers that live so short a span of life, and man who is the crown of creation will receive more love than flowers. (5) Worry is a characteristic of a heathen and not of one who knows what God is like as a Father. (6) Worry can be defeated by concentration upon the Kingdom of God. (7) Worry can be defeated when we acquire the art of living one day at a time.

Jesus concluded his great sermon on money by saying, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." He said that wholesome food and good clothing will be added as allies to abundant useful living if the Kingdom of heaven is put first in one's purpose. The God of Heaven will give one peace, perfect peace whose mind is fixed upon the Kingdom.

We need to learn to put first things first. It is time that we moved from the "cents" world to the "grace" world. We need to know that God's list of priorities are our priorities.

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One of the nicest things about the Mississippi Baptist Convention last week was being delighted all over again with being a Baptist. There are many reasons why I am a Baptist and why I believe in my denomination and its doctrine. May I share a few of them with you?

The first reason probably is that I grew up in a Baptist home. My first exposure to church and to the God of the church was Baptist. I cannot say that I would be Presbyterian or Methodist or other denomination had I been born in a home of that denomination. But I am sure that my foundation in Baptist doctrine began with happy experiences with Baptist people, especially Baptist family people.

I saw a distinguished looking man about forty-five years of age whom I did not know. I slipped in and sat on the bench beside him and said, "I don't believe I know you. My name is Parker."

He took my hand and answered, "My name is Cuevas and I know who you are." Then he told me this story: "When you were preaching in a revival at Lota when brother Lopez was pastor (in 1949) a young man from that church invited me to the meetings. I went and was converted. Had I not been converted I would probably be dead today because of the life I was living. The Lord gave me a Christian wife. One of my daughters has gone to the seminary and is graduated. A son is in the university and is considering going to the seminary. Besides, you have had a part of the beginning of the work and the organization of the church in Hulpcillo since the Lord used me to help organize it."

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John A. Parker, Chile

## Youth Group To See Film At Little Yazoo

The November meeting of "Youth For the Master" will be held on November 22 at 7 p.m. in the Dover Methodist Church on the Dover road near Little Yazoo.

The Dover building has been secured by Rev. J. G. Hood and will be used for religious meetings and programs.

Host church for the meeting is Oil City Baptist Church, and the meeting is open to the public, adults and youth.

The program will include a religious film, announced Rev. Lamar Taylor, who is co-ordinating the program. Mr. Taylor is director of youth activities at the Oil City Church. A free-will offering will be taken to defray rental expenses of the film. A fellowship hour will follow the hour-long program.

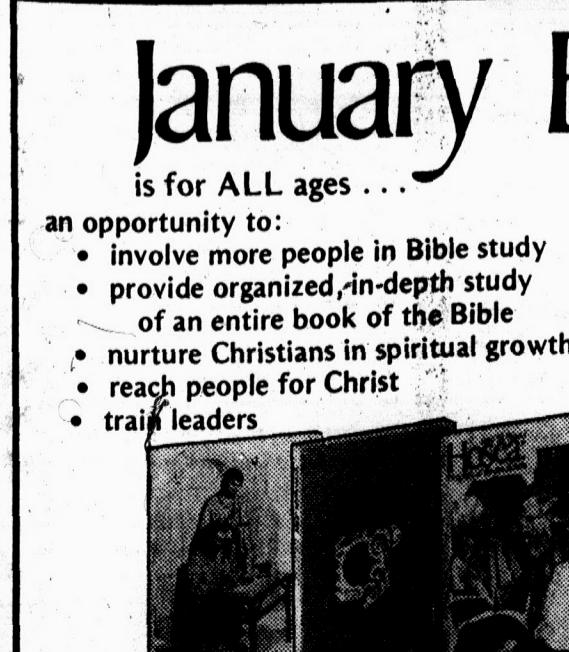
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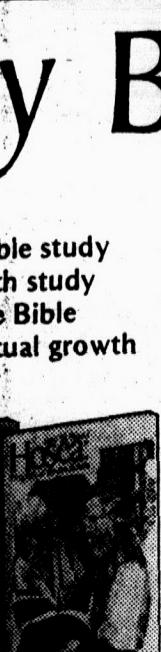
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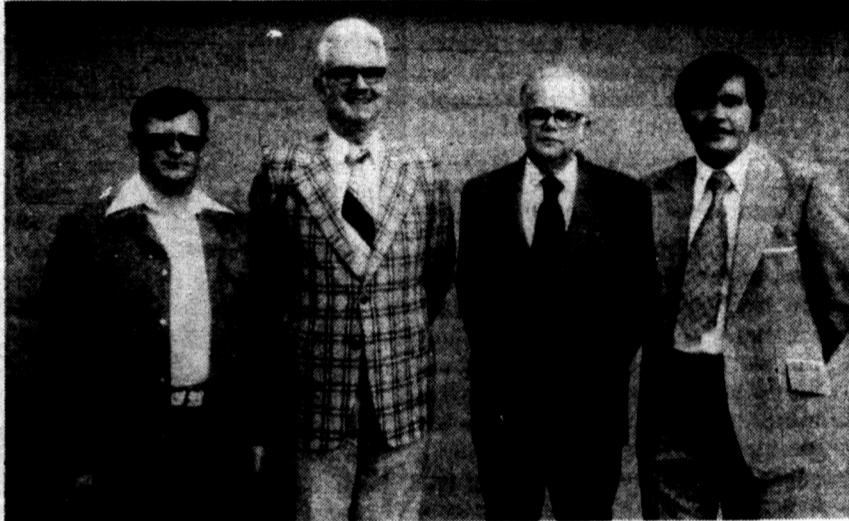
## Crane Creek To Dedicate Buildings Replacing Ones Downed By Camille

Crane Creek Church near Perkinston has designated November 30 as a day of dedication for their new buildings, a day to offer a time of fellowship with dinner on the grounds and a dedicatory service at 2 p.m. Crane Creek's buildings were destroyed by Hurricane Camille, as were most homes in the community.

The church (Rev. James P. O'Hara, pastor) has passed a resolution of appreciation for help they received following the hurricane. This resolution states, "The Lord answered our prayers and help came. Dr. Joe Odle of the Baptist Record printed our need for help. Dr. Hudgins, then executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, involved the

whole state missions program in helping us meet our needs. Help came from churches in Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and many other states. Dr. Hudgins moved a trailer in for a temporary chapel, along with financial help to build a new church.

"In the days that followed, the church has also rebuilt the pastor's home and added an education building. These things have been accomplished for the glory of the Lord, with the people working with willing hearts so that everything is paid for, and God owns it all. In view of these wonderful blessings the church has resolved to continue to give God the glory for all things." (See "Re-vival Dates.")



### BBI Alumni Elect Officers

New officers of the Mississippi Alumni Association of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., at their meeting during the state Baptist convention in Jackson, are l to r: Rev. Ronnie Huddleston, pastor, Hebron (Jones), v-p; Rev. Ben Bennett, pastor, Calvary, Yazoo City, president; Dr. Lewis Curtis, faculty member at BBI, and speaker at the meeting; and Rev. Charles Cooper, pastor, Ogden Church, secretary. The next meeting will be during the state evangelism conference in Jackson, Feb. 3, 1976.

## Names In The News

Rev. Charlie Cooper has been called as minister of music and youth at Pleasant

Ridge Church, New Albany. He is also associate pastor. Graduate of Blue Mountain College, he is married to the former Sherry Lunceford of Clarksdale. Rev. Jimmy Porter is the Pleasant Ridge pastor.

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Ministerial Alliance Officers for 1975-76 at Blue Mountain College have been elected. They are, front row, left to right: Clarence Hendricks, president; Steve Hardwick, vice-president; and Mike Burczynski, secretary. Back row, left to right: Butch Martin, BSU representative; Charles Rogers, athletic director; James Lewis, song leader; and Dr. James L. Travis, Bible professor, faculty advisor.

Woman's Missionary Union of Linn Church is honored Mrs. E. C. Cotten, pictured, on her 86th birthday.

Mrs. L. A. Braswell of Linn Church says, "Mrs. Cotten is one of our own true home missionaries. She came to our church in 1932 and has faithfully led in all its mission activities. Sometimes we have been discouraged, but her spirit has always been, 'Keep trying. The Lord will bless the efforts of his people.' Ill health has kept her from attending regularly in the last few years, but we can always count on her support in any way."

Alan Carden has joined the staff of Northside Church, Vicksburg, as minister of music and youth. A senior at Mississippi College, he plans to attend Southern Seminary. This is his first church position. A native of Pensacola, Fla., he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Carden. Rev. Glenn Wright is the Northside pastor.

Rev. Eddie Prince has been extended a call as "full time" pastor at Oak Grove (DeSoto).

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Meeting with Bill Wilson, director of the Christian Service Corps were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Creel, Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper, and Mr. and Mrs. Murry Alexander.

## Christian Service Corps Group Encourages Mississippi Churches To Send Volunteers

JACKSON, MS. — Seven Mississippi coordinators and Bill Wilson, director of the Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps, met here Nov. 3 to plan how to encourage Mississippi churches to send at least 25 CSC volunteers into pioneer Southern Baptist areas in 1976.

Meeting with Wilson at the Baptist Building were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Creel of New Hebron, Mrs. Marjorie Rowden of Hattiesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City and Mr. and Mrs. Murry Alexander of Greenville.

All serve as area coordinators for Mississippi, promoting the Christian Service Corps and enlisting volunteers.

They have established a quota of at least 25 volunteers from Mississippi for CSC assignments in 1976.

## Family Film To Be Shown

The film, TIME TO RUN, will be shown at First Church, Byram, on Sunday, November 23, at 6:45 p.m. TIME TO RUN is the deeply moving drama of the conflicts that are tearing a family apart — conflicts that develop between husband and wife and between father and son.

First Church of Byram is located on Old Byram Road in South Jackson. The pastor is Rev. Orvel E. Hooker.

The Christian Service Corps is the arm of the Home Mission

Board's Department of Special Mission Ministries which enlists and assigns lay volunteers for mission projects, usually assisting home missionaries in Southern Baptist pioneer areas in the West, Northwest, Midwest and Northeast.

CSC volunteers usually serve short terms of two to ten weeks but others have moved to pioneer areas to work on a long term basis. CSC volunteers pay all their own expenses.

## Oak Grove (Amite) Calls Donald Hintze

Rev. Donald Hintze is the new pastor of Oak Grove Church in Smithdale (Amite County).

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hintze of McComb, who are formerly of Eunice, La., he graduated from LSU in 1974 with a B.S. degree in Psychology and is at present attending New Orleans Seminary working on his Master of Divinity degree.

Mr. Hintze served two years as pastor of Reddell Mission, Reddell, La. He is married to the former Debbie Prather of Eunice, Louisiana.

## Revival Dates

Crane Creek (Pearl River): November 26-30; Rev. Gerald Ladner of Rogue Chitto, evangelist; Rev. James P. O'Hara, pastor.

## Delta Pastors To Hear Author Of Book On Hosea

The Delta Pastors' Conference has scheduled Dr. Fred Wood to teach the January Bible study book on "Hosea," Monday, December 8, at 10 a.m. at the North Greenwood Church in Greenwood where Dr. W. L. Yeldell is pastor.

Because of the interest of many of neighboring associations, an invitation is extended to all others who would like to come.

Dr. Wood is pastor of Eudora Church, Memphis and is the author of the book.

A registration fee of \$5.00 is being charged to care for the expense of the meeting, and a nominal fee of \$1.00 will be charged for the meal, since a large attendance is expected. "It is possible that most of the churches will

## Devotional

## Go Forward

By D. C. McAtee, Pastor, Eastwood, Indiana

EXODUS 14:10-15

The experiences of the children of Israel at the Red Sea were very similar to the experiences of many of us today. Yet, God told them to go forward in spite of their obstacles.

WHAT WERE SOME OF THESE OBSTACLES? Some of these obstacles were within the minds of the people.

(1) They had doubts. According to verse 11, they doubted they should have ever left Egypt. My, how the devil uses doubt to weaken and destroy our faithfulness today! That is how he tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden. He got her to doubt what God had said. So it is today. The devil gets people to doubt the word of God. Therefore, they do not read it, thereby cutting off their source of faith, for Paul tells us that, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17).

(2) Another obstacle was fear. Verse 10 indicates that fear possessed the children of Israel and they were afraid they were going to be destroyed. Fear is very real in the lives of people today. Those who were "have-nots" fear they will not get the necessities of life. Those who are the "haves" are afraid they will lose what they have. Three main fears grip people today. They are fear of life, fear of death, and fear of eternity. I heard of one young man who was not afraid to die, but he was not prepared for the judgment and eternity. So true with so many today.

(3) The third obstacle was worldliness. In verse 12, they wanted to go back to the old life—down in slavery in Egypt. How like many Christians today when they return to sin and learn once again:

"This life can never give,

The joy for which we sigh.

'Tis not all of life to live

Nor all of death to die."

In spite of these and other difficulties, God spoke unto the people that they, "GO FORWARD." MAY GOD HELP US TO DO THAT TODAY.

Wanda Weeks, 11, has received a seven-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday

school at Interstate Church, Rev. Jimmie Irvin, interim pastor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Weeks of Rte. 2, Shaw.

Rev. Boyd Armstrong, pastor of University Church, Huntsville, Alabama, for more than 16 years, resigned November 2. He will move to Birmingham where he will assume the position of assistant to Pastor Charles Carter at Shadyside Mountain Church. When Mr. Armstrong went to the year-old University Church in 1959, it was meeting in a car sales barn with about 100 members. The church now has a membership of 1,492, a budget set at \$250,000, and a plant valued at more than a million. Mr. Armstrong was superintendent of missions in Lowndes County 1946-48 and pastor of Southside Church, Columbus, 1951-54.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond B. Moses Jr., missionaries to Rhodesia, may be addressed at Ranche House College, P. O. Box 1880, Salisbury, Rhodesia. The former Mary Ann Pugh of Mississippi, she was born in Columbus and grew up near Brooksville.



William Carey College honor student David Davis, from Hattiesburg and from Ghana, took first place in the "Our Past" category of art work exhibited in the October 18 "Art in the Park" show sponsored in Hattiesburg by the South Mississippi Art Association. Shown with his art professor, Lucille Parker, David displays his winning pencil sketch of the kitchen section of the old Jefferson Military College, now closed, in Washington, Miss. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, missionaries to Africa, David is a senior.

want to care for this expense for their pastors to help prepare to teach in January," states Rev. D. C. McAtee, pastor of Eastwood, Indiana, and program chairman for the Delta Pastors' Conference.

## New Hope Homecoming Planned For Nov. 23

Rev. Larry Singleton, former pastor, will preach the morning message for homecoming day at New Hope Church (Tate) on November 23.

Pastor Roy Wilson states that there will be dinner at the church and singing in the afternoon.

The offering of the day will be used to help pay for the new pasteurium that is now under construction.

## Off The Record

A father, buying a doll for his little girl's birthday, was told by the saleslady: "Here's a lovely doll, you lay her down and she closes her eyes, just like a real little girl." Said the sadly experienced father: "I guess, lady, you've never had a real little girl."

"I'll have the breakfast special, but without any eggs," the diner said. "But the eggs come with it, sir. You might as well take them." The diner responded: "OK, I'll take them, but I won't eat them." Then the waitress said: "Fine, now, sir, how would you like those eggs?"

A motorist overtook a young man in a business suit running along the side of the road. Stopping his car he offered the man a ride.

"An emergency, I assume," said the motorist.

"No, sir," replied the young man. "I always run like this. It works everytime!" — GLORIA

Little Robert ran to his mother saying, "Mark knocked me down on the floor in the nursery and hurt me, just for nothing!"

His mother stared at him for a minute, then said, "I don't believe a word of that."

He said, "Well, I don't believe that either!"

"Haven't you ever been offered a job?" the farm wife asked a panhandler. He replied: "Well, only once ma'am. Aside from that I've met nothing but kindness."

The best way to get the world to beat a path to your door is not to invent a better mouse trap but to have teenage daughters.

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